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PK	AA	Des. 320,446	10/01/91	Grossi et al	—	—	
	AB	Des. 385,351	10/21/97	Manzie et al.			
	AC	H1745	08/04/98	Paraschac			
	AD	1,814,791	05/04/28	Ende			
	AE	1,930,214	10/10/33	Wappler			
	AF	1,963,636	06/19/34	Wappler			
	AG	2,056,377	10/06/36	Wappler			
	AH	2,090,923	08/24/37	Wappler			
	AI	2,101,913	12/14/37	Meyer			
	AJ	2,487,502	11/08/49	Willinsky			
	AK	3,149,633	09/22/64	Zingale			
	AL	3,910,279	10/07/75	Okada et al.			
	AM	3,939,839	02/24/76	Curtiss			
	AN	3,973,568	08/10/76	Iglesias			
	AO	3,982,542	09/28/76	Ford et al.			
	AP	3,985,137	10/12/76	Donohue			
	AQ	4,051,855	10/04/77	Schneiderman			
	AR	4,060,087	11/29/77	Hiltebrandt et al.			
	AS	4,103,688	08/01/78	Edwards			
	AT	4,116,198	09/26/78	Roos			
	AU	4,134,406	01/16/79	Iglesias			
	AV	4,149,538	04/17/79	Mrava et al.			
	AW	4,190,051	02/26/80	Iglesias			

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PK	AX	4,333,467	06/08/82	Domicone			
	AY	4,347,849	09/07/82	Congdon			
	AZ	4,538,610	09/03/85	Kubota			
	AAA	4,648,399	03/10/87	Nakada			
	AAB	4,649,917	03/17/87	Karasawa			
	AAC	4,674,499	06/23/87	Pao			
	AAD	4,709,698	12/01/87	Johnston et al.			
	AAE	4,848,346	07/18/89	Crawford			
	AAF	4,862,890	09/05/89	Stasz et al.			
	AAG	4,917,082	04/17/90	Grossi et al.			
	AAH	4,919,131	04/24/90	Grossi et al.			
	AAI	4,934,367	06/19/90	Daglow et al.			
	AAJ	4,936,301	06/26/90	Rexroth et al.			
	AAK	4,976,711	12/11/90	Parins et al.			
	AAL	4,994,062	02/19/91	Nishigaki et al.			
	AAM	5,007,907	04/16/91	Nishigaki et al			
	AAN	5,007,908	04/16/91	Rydell			
	AAO	5,013,312	05/07/91	Parins et al.			
	AAP	5,019,076	05/28/91	Yamanashi et al.			
	AAQ	5,029,573	07/09/91	Chow			
	AAR	5,041,111	08/20/91	Bauer et al.			
	AAS	5,047,027	09/10/91	Rydell			
	AAT	5,064,424	11/12/91	Bitrolf			
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<i>Q/C</i>	AAU	5,078,717	01/07/92	Parins et al.			
	AAV	5,080,660	01/14/92	Buelna			
	AAW	5,085,658	02/04/92	Meyer			
	AAX	5,088,998	02/18/92	Sakashita et al.			
	AAZ	5,098,431	03/24/92	Rydell			
	AAZ	5,100,402	03/31/92	Fan			
	ABA	5,122,138	06/16/92	Manwaring			
	ABB	5,125,928	06/30/92	Parins et al.			
	ABC	5,171,311	12/15/92	Rydell et al.			
	ABD	5,192,280	03/09/93	Parins			
	ABE	5,196,011	03/23/93	Korth et al.			
	ABF	5,197,964	03/30/93	Parins			
	ABG	5,252,090	10/12/93	Giurtino et al.			
	ABH	5,258,006	11/02/93	Rydell et al.			
	ABI	5,269,780	12/14/93	Roos			
	ABJ	5,277,696	01/11/94	Hagen			
	ABK	5,290,286	03/01/94	Parins			
	ABL	5,318,564	06/07/94	Eggers			
	ABM	5,330,470	07/19/94	Hagen			
	ABN	5,354,295	10/11/94	Guglielmi et al.			
	ABO	5,354,296	10/11/94	Turkel			
	ABP	5,366,443	11/22/94	Eggers et al.			
	ABQ	5,376,087	12/27/94	Haber et al.			
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RK	ABR	5,380,320	01/10/95	Morris			
	ABS	5,395,363	03/07/95	Billings et al.			
	ABT	5,396,900	03/14/95	Slater et al.			
	ABU	5,397,342	03/14/95	Heil, Jr. et al.			
	ABV	5,403,311	04/04/95	Abele et al.			
	ABW	5,423,812	06/13/95	Ellman et al.			
	ABX	5,451,224	09/19/95	Goble et al.			
	ABY	5,478,350	12/26/95	Kratsch et al.			
	ABZ	5,482,037	01/09/96	Borghi			
	ACA	5,484,435	01/16/96	Fleenor et al.			
	ACB	5,506,038	04/09/96	Knapp et al.			
	ACC	5,508,368	04/16/96	Knapp et al.			
	ACD	5,527,331	06/18/96	Kresch et al.			
	ACE	5,540,685	07/30/96	Parins et al.			
	ACF	5,549,605	08/27/96	Hahnen			
	ACG	5,569,244	10/29/96	Hahnen			
	ACH	5,574,130	11/12/96	Haeussling et al.			
	ACI	5,593,406	01/14/97	Eggers et al.			
	ACJ	5,681,282	10/28/97	Eggers et al.			
	ACK	5,683,366	11/04/97	Eggers et al.			
	ACL	5,683,443	11/04/97	Munshi et al.			
	ACM	5,688,268	11/18/97	Billings			
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	ACQ	5,697,882	12/16/97	Eggers et al.			
	ACR	5,697,909	12/16/97	Eggers et al.			
	ACS	5,697,926	12/16/97	Weaver			
	ACT	5,709,680	01/20/98	Yates et al.			
	ACU	5,718,709	02/17/98	Considine et al.			
	ACV	5,720,745	02/24/98	Farin et al.			
	ACW	5,755,717	05/26/98	Yates et al.			
	ACX	5,766,170	06/16/98	Eggers			
	ACY	5,766,171	06/16/98	Silvestrini			
	ACZ	5,776,128	07/07/98	Eggers			
	ADA	5,779,701	07/14/98	McBrayer et al.			
	ADB	5,810,764	09/22/98	Eggers et al.			
	ADC	5,810,808	09/22/98	Eggers			
	ADD	5,810,811	09/22/98	Yates et al.			
	ADE	5,827,274	10/27/98	Bonnet et al.			
	ADF	5,830,214	11/03/98	Flom et al.			
	ADG	5,833,689	11/10/98	Long			
	ADH	5,843,019	12/01/98	Eggers et al.			
	ADI	5,846,241	12/08/98	Kittur et al.			
	ADJ	5,860,976	01/19/99	Billings et al.			
	ADK	5,871,469	02/16/99	Eggers et al.			
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